

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2019 2:27 PM
To:
Subject: Letter of Protest: Docket 2018-319-E

Dear Mr. Farver,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order - <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116872>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Executive Assistant
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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From:
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2019 10:24 AM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Letter of Protest: Docket 2018-319-E

Dear Sir or Madam,

Attached please find my Letter of Protest in reference to Docket 2018-319-E, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC – Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs.

C Ronald Farver

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Date: *4 January 2019

Letter of Protest
in Docket 218_-319_- E__

Protestant Information:

Name *Charles Ronald Farver

Mailing Address _____

City *Newry

State *South Carolina

Zip *29665

Phone* _____

E-mail* _____

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Duke Energies Carolina, LLC

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2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I object to the amount of the requested rate increase proposed by Duke Energy in Docket Number 2018-319-E. Duke Energy is requesting a 10%, or \$168 million, increase in annual revenue. Considering that Duke Energy is also requesting 446 million in tax adjustments from Federal Tax Cuts and Job Acts, and \$17 million from reductions of North Carolina taxes allocated to South Carolina, the amount of their requested increase amounts to an excessive burden on the consumer. Duke Energy is proposing annual rate increase of \$15.56 in 2019, \$1.54 in 2020 and \$1.92 in 2021 for a total average consumer increase of \$19.02 for the typical consumer using 1,000 kWh. In addition, Duke Energy is requesting an increase of \$19.08 per month, or \$228.96 per year, in the Residential Basic Facility Charge. This amounts to an annual increase by 2021 of \$228.24 plus \$228.96 for a total of \$457.20 per year.

Consider a consumer living on a fixed income of Social Security or possibly disability payments, this approximately \$40 per month increase represents 3% of an individual's income (based upon the average Social Security payment of \$1,419.34 per month according to the Social Security Administration). A 3% increase from one utility, a utility that most everyone in the state of South Carolina consider to be mandatory for life and survival, is equal to or greater than the proposed adjustment in Social Security payments placing the consumer in a losing financial position if any other utility or service provider increases their cost.

Duke Energy needs to look deeper into their cost of operations and find ways internally to balance their budget. Electricity is a necessary utility, it is not something that a consumer can decide not to buy or use. This requested increase would place an undue burden upon the consumer.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *No